



Weekly Information & Communication



## Weekly WIC Newsletter

February 27, 2017

### Reallocation Requests

We are planning for our mid-year contract amendments to allocate WIC funds based on local agency needs. Please send requests for funding to [Kate](#) by EOD March 24, 2017. This year we ask that you submit your request using this [form](#), with adequate justification to make funding decisions. Contact [Kate](#) if you have any questions.

### MAWA Announcements 2017

The Montana Association of WIC Agencies (MAWA) will hold a General Meeting at the Breastfeeding Collaborative in Fairmont Hot Springs in April. To be part of MAWA, at least one staff member from your local agency must pay dues of \$15.00. You have the option to pay for additional staff members. Payment of [MAWA dues](#) is an allowable expense from your WIC budget. Send the completed form and payments to [Teresa Messerman](#). Dues must be paid by April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be a MAWA board member accepting dues payments at the Fairmont meeting, but we would prefer the dues be mailed to Teresa prior to the event.

[A MAWA Mini-Grant](#) of \$300 will be awarded at the General Meeting. To be eligible to apply for a Mini-Grant your Local Agency must be a current paid member of MAWA. Mini-Grant applications can be scanned and e-mailed to [Gayle](#) or faxed to 406-247-3340. Applications are due April 1, 2017.

[2017 Outstanding WIC Employee](#) nominations are due March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail [Gayle](#) the form, or fax it to 406-247-3340.

### Reports

[Benefits Issued and Redeemed December 2016](#), [Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Report January 2017](#), [WIC Participation Report Feb 2016 and Jan 2017](#)

### March Nutrition Education Training

March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM, will be the next nutrition training. This month's topic will cover SOAP notes and documentation requirements. This will be a [WebEx training](#) and will be recorded. Please use the "call me" option in WebEx for audio. If you have questions please contact [Lacy](#).

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## WIC Testimonials

The state staff would like to hear what our WIC participants have to say about their experiences! We would love for Local Agency staff to submit stories/quotes relating to WIC. This could be as simple as jotting down personal conversation and experiences, to having a whiteboard/billboard on display in clinic for the participants to write on. Our goal is to find out what our participants “Love about WIC.” Please reach out to Alex @ 444-4746 or [along@mt.gov](mailto:along@mt.gov) for any submissions and/or questions. Thanks!

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## Wal-Mart System Update

The WIC state office has received multiple calls from agencies around the state regarding issues with the Wal-Mart Point of Sale Systems not recognizing WIC approved items. The system will reject the item and store management has to intervene with an “override” every time this happens, in order for the transaction to go through. It has caused frustration amongst our participants, Wal-Mart staff, and our local agencies.

We are currently working with the corporate Wal-Mart office to resolve the issue. In the meantime, if your clinic receives notification of a similar event, please remind the Wal-Mart staff that they are not allowed to deny service to a WIC participant at any time for any reason (i.e., system error). The state office vendor team is prepared to take calls regarding this issue—do not hesitate to refer them to the following contacts:

Kevin Moore: [kmoore@mt.gov](mailto:kmoore@mt.gov) 406-444-5530

Glade Roos: [groos@mt.gov](mailto:groos@mt.gov) 406-444-2841

Alex Long: [along@mt.gov](mailto:along@mt.gov) 406-444-4746

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## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 304](#). History of Preeclampsia is defined as history of diagnosed preeclampsia.

Presence of condition diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician’s orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver.

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